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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Report of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 18) at its 1st to 5th, 8th and 13th meetings, from 8 to 11 and on 16 and 19 July 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/1991/65);

(b) Note verbale dated 23 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1991/101 and Corr.1).

2. At the 1st to 5th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item in conjunction with items 12, 15, 16 (c) and 17.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 8 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit.

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4. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Assistant Executive Director or the World Food Programme and the representative of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee heard an oral report by the Special Rapporteur of the Secretary-General for Emergency the Relief Operations in the Sudan concerning the implementation of the emergency and relief operations in that country, including Operation Lifeline Sudan. An oral report was also made by the United Nations Special Coordinator for Emergency Relief Operations in Somalia.

7. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Somalia and the Bahamas and the observers for the Sudan and Ethiopia. The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

8. At the 3rd meeting, on 10 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Argentina, Yugoslavia, Peru, Chile, Pakistan and Algeria and the observers for Australia and Djibouti.

9. At the same meeting, the representatives of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization made statements. The observer for the International Organization for Migration made a statement. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category II.

10. At the 4th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, China, Brazil, Austria, the United States of America, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Morocco and the observers for Switzerland, Cuba and Egypt.

11. At the 5th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observers for Yemen and Senegal.

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12. At the 5th meeting, on 11 July, the Chairman of the Committee summarized the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18.

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Chile proposed that the Chairman's summary be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

14. Statements in support of that proposal were made by the representatives of Brazil, Somalia and the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and the observer for Ghana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77).

15. The Committee then decided to recommend to the Council that the text of the Chairman's summary of the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18 be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session (see para. 22 below, draft decision I).

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

16. At the 8th meeting, on 16 July, the observer for Hungary, on behalf of Austria, Canada, Ethiopia and Hungary 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.2) entitled "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

17. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the observer for Ethiopia made a statement.

18. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement. Statements were also made by the representative of Chile, the observer for Ethiopia and the Chairman of the Committee.

19. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 21 below).

20. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee, on the proposal of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Vasile Gâlgau (Romania), decided to recommend to the Council that it take note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/1991/65) (see para. 22 below, draft decision II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION) COMMITTEE

21. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Assembly resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, 36/121 D of

10 December 1981, 42/130 of 7 December 1987 and 45/138 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly provided for increases in the membership of the Executive Committee,

Taking into account its resolution 1991/1 of 23 May 1991, in which it recommended that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-sixth session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee from 44 to 45 States,

Taking note of the note verbale dated 23 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee, 2/

Recommends that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-sixth session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 44 to 46 States.

22. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Response of the United Nations to emergencies

The Economic and Social Council decides to annex to its report submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session the text of the summary of the Chairman of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee on the general discussion held by the Committee on agenda items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18.

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. 3/

Notes

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

2/ E/1991/101 and Corr.1.

3/ E/1991/65.